

ARTICLE D

Regulation of On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems

Sec. 6-1-40 Definitions.

For purposes of this Article, the following words and terms shall have the following definitions:

- (a) OSDS. Any septic tank system or other on-site sewage disposal system.
- (b) Inspector. Any person licensed by S.C.D.H.E.C. to install, repair, service, monitor or inspect an OSDS. (Revised by Ord. 2003-7, adopted 6/24/03)
- (c) Good Operating Condition. An OSDS which: functions in a sanitary manner; prohibits the discharge of untreated or partially untreated wastewater onto ground surface, into surface water, or into groundwater; and allows building plumbing to discharge properly.
- (d) Owner. Any person or entity owning any legal interest in a lot containing a OSDS.

Sec. 6-1-41 New Installations.

Any new or replacement OSDS installed within the City shall be required to include an access manhole built into the lid over each compartment of the tank, and over the outlet end of the septic tank. An appropriate mechanism shall be provided to make the access manholes vandal, tamper, and child resistant.

Sec. 6-1-42 Inspections Prior to Sale of Real Estate Interest.

Effective as of January 1, 2001, prior to the sale of any ownership interest in a lot containing an OSDS, the seller of the interest shall provide the buyer with a written inspection report of the system prepared by an Inspector, which report shall include whether the system is in good operating condition. The cost of the report may be paid by either the buyer or the seller. A copy of the report shall be filed with the City by the Inspector upon completion of the report. The inspection shall be performed no earlier than sixty (60) days prior to the transfer of the interest. (Ord. 2000-12, 8/22/00)

Sec. 6-1-43 Support Program.

The City will develop an information program to inform Owners of the requirement of an inspection prior to the sale of an ownership interest in a lot. This program shall also contain information regarding the importance of properly operating OSDS systems and the advantages of the use of OSDS inspection ports. (Ord. 2000-12, 8/22/00)

Sec. 6-1-44 Violations; Penalties.

A violation of this Article is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to Section 1-3-66 of this code. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.”

Note: Ordinance 1999-25, adopted 11/23/99, added Article D in its entirety. Ordinance 2000-12, adopted 8/22/00, completely changed paragraphs 6-1-42 and 6-1-43.